



# Spring 2007



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Welcome to COST's online newsletter! Read about our newly completed and upcoming projects, our company's history, and view some of our photos.

## **COST of Wisconsin, Inc. Turns a Golden 50!**

Company's Projects Can Be Seen Worldwide

This year COST of Wisconsin, Inc. is proud to celebrate its **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** within the field of specialty construction. The firm has been an industry leader in the creation of themed environments for the casino, zoological, museum, amusement and hospitality industries. Throughout its 50 year history, COST has been called upon to help create awe-inspiring environments that have been honored with numerous industry awards.

COST's roots began in 1957 when John Stanwyck's contracting company, Anchor Corporation, was hired to create naturalistic habitats for the Milwaukee County Zoo. At the time, the zoological industry was seeking changes to transform concrete habitats into more naturalistic environments best suitable for their animals. The now international firm that had its humble beginnings in a Milwaukee basement, today, has over 140,000 square feet of production space and three branch offices. Today, COST is led by John Stanwyck's son, Jon J. Stanwyck. Under his leadership, the company has pioneered the introduction of new materials and methodologies that are used in modern day zoos, aquariums, casinos, amusement parks and hospitality projects.

With over 180 employees, and regional offices in Seattle, Jackson, WI, Orlando, and Dubai UAE, COST's work is showcased throughout the world in theme parks, casinos, hotels, zoos, aquariums, museums, and retail stores. The company has recently completed high profile construction projects at the Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks in New York, Valley View Casino, Sea World San Antonio, and Al Lin Zoo in the UAE.

## **George F. Burke Joins COST**

COST is pleased to announce the addition of George F. Burke to their construction team. George made the move from Rock and Waterscape Systems where he was actively involved in field construction for more than 22 years. He rose through the ranks to become their general superintendent of field construction. At COST, George will initially be responsible for overseeing construction crews and projects on the East Coast.

"To help facilitate additional growth for COST of Wisconsin, Inc. we welcome George as a general superintendent to help manage our field teams," says Jon Stanwyck, President of COST.



George F. Burke

## Sharing Natural Beauty with its Visitors

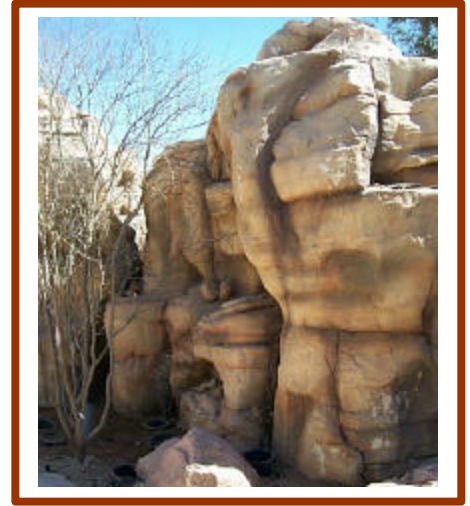
Las Vegas Springs Preserve Designed to Honor Las Vegas' Historical Past

Before the glitz and the glamour, before the slot machines and the card tables, Las Vegas was a land of bubbling springs, majestic rock formations, and the home to Native American Indian tribes such as the Patayan and the Numa. Today, a historical 180-acre cultural and historical site has been protected and developed into an attraction designed to honor and enlighten visitors to the area's history. The museum will provide a vision for the future, where today's modern world can learn to coexist with one from the past.

COST of Wisconsin, Inc. took part in the development of this dynamic project beginning in January 2006 under the supervision of Project Manager Jesse Malak. Work constructed on site is located on the historical site of one of the first original Las Vegas springs. Approximately 35,000 sq. ft. of GFRC (glass fiber reinforced concrete) rockwork was created by COST for the Las Vegas Preserve. These rockwork panels were carefully molded from indigenous rocks from Nevada's Valley of Fire area. Also included are 25,000 sq. ft. of custom textured paths which are featured throughout walking trails.

Children will also enjoy playing at the Springs Preserve, which features a themed interactive play area. This area includes a falcon with an 18' wing span, a butterfly also with an 18' wing span, a mastodon climbing structure, a Mojave sidewinder themed snake bench, and turtle shells!

The Las Vegas Springs were first designated as an archeological site in 1966 under the National Historical Preservation Act and was later listed on the National Register of Historical Places in 1978. The Water Board of Directors of Las Vegas approved a plan to develop the Preserve in order to protect and manage cultural, natural, and water resources of the site. COST will complete its part in the project in May 2007 and the Las Vegas Preserve is scheduled to have its public grand opening June 2007.



## RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS:

### Assisting in Creating an Authentic Kentucky Coal Mine

Celebrating Kentucky's Rich Coal Mining History

COST has assisted in the creation or "re-creation" of Portal No. 31 Mine Tour. Portal No. 31 is part of the unique and historical Coal Mining Museum that is located within the town of Lynch, Kentucky. The town has a rich history in coal mining, and developers of the museum and of the Underground Tour felt this history should be shared with people throughout the nation.

Work completed by the company at Portal No. 31 includes faux coal walls and faux shale ceilings. Visitors will be invited to wear traditional protective gear of a real life coal miner upon entering the Underground Mine Tour. To add to the realism, authentic coal mine rail cars are used to transport patrons through their journey. Along the way, they will also view interactive, life-like coal miners working in the mines.

Portal No. 31 Mine Tour blends interactive and authentic looking exhibits with today's modern technology in order to capture the attention of its visitors. The high-tech exhibits found at Portal No. 31 provide a multi-sensory experience and serve to educate guests on the lives and experiences of real life Kentucky coal miners. Portal No. 31 opens to the public in June of 2007.



## Pompano Park Isle of Capri

The new Pompano Park Isle of Capri Casino proudly opened its doors to the public this spring. The casino boasts all the glitz of a typical Las Vegas Casino in Southern Florida. COST was involved in making this casino truly spectacular by developing three signature water features.

The first, known simply as the "WOW" feature, lives up to its name by providing a "wow" effect to casino patrons. The WOW water feature has twelve (12) columns, each with individually stacked twisting turning glass pieces reaching heights of 14' tall. The columns are capped with canopy glass with water elegantly flowing over the edges into marble basins. GFRC rock work panel waterfalls divide escalators to the 2nd floor.

The second water element includes the "Feature Bar." It is a centrally located on the casino floor and includes stacked glass coupled with waterfall features cascading into black granite basins. This marvelous feature accentuates the bar area and separates it from the main gaming floor.

The third water feature consists of two pebble walls on both sides of the entrance to the casino. The walls were prefabricated offsite in COST's plant and shipped to the job site in South Florida. Hand selected inlaid pebbles make up these 9' square water walls that glisten in the light as patrons enter the casino.



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